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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

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FITCHBURG GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY) D.T.E. 00-____
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INITIAL PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF
ENERGY CONSERVATION SERVICE PROGRAM BUDGET
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2001 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2001

Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company ("FG&E" or "Company"),

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pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 19; G.L. c. 164 App., §§ 2-1 through 2-10; and 220 C.M.R. §§ 7.00 et seq., requests approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") of the Company's proposed Gas Division budget for its residential energy conservation service ("ECS") program for the period January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001 ("CY 2001"). In support of its Petition, the Company states the following:

1. FG&E is a member utility of Conservation Services Group ("CSG"), formerly MASS-SAVE, Inc. ("MSI"), which provides ECS to the Company's customers on behalf of the Company.
2. The Company's proposed Gas Division CY 2001 ECS/RCS program budget is \$4,777 (Attachment 2-3).
3. The Company has complied with the applicable requirements established in G.L. c. 164 App., §§ 2-1 through 2-10; 220 C.M.R. §§ 7.00 et seq.; and Mass. Save, Inc., D.P.U. 85-189 (1985).

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4. The Company's Gas Division ECS budget for the twelve-month period January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000 ("CY 2000") in the amount of \$5,360 was approved by the Department in docket D.T.E. 99-94-G.
5. FG&E's CY 2001 ECS/RCS budget projections are based on an extrapolation of the preceding estimates for CY 2000. The Company's twelve-month estimated expenditures for CY 2001 in the amount of \$4,777 for the Gas Division are reasonable.
6. Pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 19, the Company funds all of its electric-related energy efficiency programs, including ECS, from a mandatory per kilowatthour charge.

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7. Pursuant to G.L. c. 164 App., §§ 2-1 through 2-10, the Division of Energy Resources ("DOER") must adopt a state plan and promulgate regulations necessary to implement that plan. DOER is responsible for: (a) establishing residential energy and conservation goals; (b) establishing ECS program guidelines; (c) monitoring the implementation of the program requirements; and (d) overseeing the implementation of the state plan by approving a utility implementation plan. As of the date of this filing, neither the state plan or supporting regulations are in place.

8. DOER expects to implement a redesign of the ECS program during CY 2001. Given the unique circumstances of this transition year for converting the ECS program to the redesigned RCS program, FG&E will cooperate with DOER in effecting the reform of the RCS program.

9. In support of this Petition, the Company hereby incorporates herein the documentation filed with the Department in support of its proposed budget. See, Exhibit 1 (Attachments 1 through 10).

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Wherefore, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company hereby respectfully requests that the Department of Telecommunications and Energy approve, after publication of notice and as required by applicable law and regulations, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company's proposed ECS/RCS budget for its Gas Division for the months January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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